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Re: Indian Day School Litigation –Letter of Support

Please be advised that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Chief and Council is in support of the proposed Settlement Agreement between Canada and Class Counsel. It being understood that the proposed settlement includes everyone who attended a Federal Indian Day School; and that compensation for harms associated with attending an Indian Day School ranges from \$10,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 depending on the severity of abuse suffered irrespective of the number of schools attended.

In addition, it is understood that the proposed Settlement includes a \$200M Legacy Fund to support commemoration projects, health and wellness programs, as well as language and culture initiatives for communities.

As well, it is understood that the Indian Day School claims process eliminates the re-traumatizing experience of an 'Independent Assessment Process' used in the Residential School process in which survivors stories were cross-examined. Rather, it is understood that to claim for compensation survivors will be asked to complete a simple confidential form; and that there will be no onerous requirements for proof or evidence.

Finally, the MCFN wishes to express its support of the anticipated expedited claims process once approvals are received from the Court and the Settlement is being implemented. The need for expediency is aptly reflected in the passing of Garry McLean just weeks before the Settlement Announcement. Time is of the essence as many Indian Day School survivors are lost every year.

Regards

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